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# 1948 Description and Price List

## SMILEY WATER GARDENS

Beaver Crossing, Nebr.

### Hardy WATER LILIES

In establishing our water gardens we spared no time, effort, or money in securing not only the best varieties but those that would be most suitable for water gardens in most sections of the country. In this list you will find varieties that are suitable for every climatic condition, also for the various tastes in color and most any size pocketbook.

#### RED AND CRIMSON

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| Escarboucle—A lovely vermillion, a free-blooming strong variety, unquestionably one of the best..... | \$3.25 |
| Attraction—Garnet red almost white sepals, one of the longest blooming hardys .....                  | 2.75   |
| Sultan—Large petals shading from light to deep red.....  | 2.50   |
| Newton—Bright red, graduating to pale pink.....  | 2.50   |
| James Brydon—A most desirable variety, exceedingly free blooming, amaranth rose in color.....        | 3.00   |

#### WHITE

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| Gladstone—Large and dazzling. Very fine grower.....   | \$2.00 |
| Marliac White—Fragrant, snowy white, yellow stamens.....  | 2.00   |
| President Roosevelt—Grows above the water. An abundance of white flowers, fast multiplying..... | 2.00   |
| Hermine—Dainty, tulip shaped, has lots of flowers.....  | 2.00   |
| Gonnere—A double flowering white hardy lily, snowy white petals, free blooming .....            | 3.00   |

#### PINK AND ROSE

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| Rose Arey—Starry pointed petals. Deep cerise-pink, very fragrant.....            | \$2.50 |
| Pink Opal—Deep pink, fragrant, adapted to cut flowers.....                       | 1.75   |
| Splendida—Strawberry pink, rare and beautiful.....                               | 2.25   |
| Somptuosa—Most delicate and beautiful of all pinks. Like satin.....              | 2.25   |
| Marliac Shell Pink or Flesh Pink—Also delicate in color. Blooms abundantly ..... | 1.75   |
| Neptune—Unusual, deep pink, shading to white at tips. Mahogany Stamens .....     | 2.75   |
| Venusta—Delicious fragrance, a delightful deep pink.....                         | 2.50   |

#### YELLOW

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| Chromatella—(Marliac Yellow) Sulphur yellow, broad curving petals. Blooms endlessly, thrives under all conditions..... | \$2.00 |
| Morrei—Small and dainty, much deeper in color than Chromatella....   | 3.00   |
| Sunrise—A lovely canary yellow blossom, opening early in the morning .....   | 3.25   |

#### SUNSET COLORS

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| Commanche—One of the hardiest. Orange-pink, yellow stamens deepening to a glowing amber-red with a heart of fire.....   | \$2.75 |
| Paul Hariot—Flowers open in the spring a clear YELLOW, suffused with ROSE, changing to a deep PEACH on the second and third days, and to ORANGE on the fourth. As the season progresses, flowers become almost deep red on the fourth day.... | 2.75   |
| Sioux—Similar in color to Commanche, somewhat lighter in shade of color. Very delicate and beautiful.....   | 2.50   |

### TROPICAL WATER LILIES

Tropical Lilies are not shipped until the first of June, except to latitudes South of Kansas. North of Kansas, be sure a warm temperature can be depended upon, and the nights are not too cool. They need warmth. All Tropical Water Lilies are shipped Express Collect. Add 50c per lily for parcel post shipments.

#### HOW TO PLANT TROPICAL LILIES

Plant Tropical Water Lilies only after minimum temperature of 70 degrees can be depended upon. Earlier planting leads only to disappointment.

When planting Tropicals in a pool with other lilies and plants, boxes should be used in which to plant the bulbs. For each bulb a box 18x18 inches by 10 inches deep is a good size. Place four inches of fertilizer on the bottom, then five inches of soil and one inch of sand. Then plant the bulbs covering them well so that only the top of the crown where the leaves and buds are attached is just showing. A few rocks placed very close to the crown will help keep the bulbs in place to get the root system started. Place bulbs at a slight angle, so that they will have plenty of room for growth forward. Tropical Water Lilies may be wintered in a greenhouse pool, where they will bloom all winter. If you do not have this convenience, it is best to replace them each spring. Planting new vigorous bulbs each year, you will be more than repaid with large and colorful blossoms that will be prize winners for you.

#### DAY FLOWERING

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| Pennsylvania—(2 year plants.) A magnificent variety with rich blue flowers that are often 10 and 12 inches across. The flowers have a spicy fragrance that no other Tropical has..... | \$3.00 |
| Panama Pacific—(2 year plants.) Flowers a rich purple, the yellow stamens making a striking contrast.....   | 2.50   |
| August Koch—(2 year plants.) The fragrant blossoms are of good size and a deep blue in color, the sepals a rich orchid shade.....   | 2.50   |
| Mrs. Edward Whitaker—This lily is the largest in the day blooming class, having been known to measure 14 inches across. The flowers are a lavender-blue .....                         | 2.50   |
| Mrs. George Pring—Immense white flowers, opening early and staying open until late in the afternoon.....  | 2.25   |

#### NIGHT FLOWERING

The blossoms begin to unfold when the sun goes down and during the early morning hours are the most beautiful flower in the garden, often staying open until noon.

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| ROSE—Frank Trelease—Deep rose color; one of the best bloomers.....   | \$2.25 |
| Mrs. Geo. Hitchcock—This large, rose-pink flower is such a wonderful bloomer it cannot help giving satisfaction..... | 2.25   |
| RED—Geo. Huster—A brilliant variety with large blossoms. Leaves bronzy-red .....                                     | 2.25   |
| H. C. Haarstick—A very choice variety with large blossoms, vivid red .....   | 2.25   |
| PINK—O'Marana—Rosy pink flowers with white stripe; very large.....   | 2.25   |
| Mrs. Emily Hutchings—Beautiful pink blossoms with curved petals..  | 2.25   |
| WHITE—Juno—Immense, pure white blossoms, opening very wide.....  | 2.25   |
| Missouri—The finest white variety, the earliest to bloom and very dependable .....                                   | 2.50   |

#### TROPICAL STAR LILIES

Lilies of the Tropical family, but hardier. In planting be sure to plant the fuzzy end up. Keep away from the Hardy lilies as they will not begin to grow until warm weather, and if shaded will not grow. They put on an immense growth in a short time and will bloom abundantly.

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| Blue Star—A clear blue with blossoms standing high above the water..... | \$2.25 |
| Pink Star—(Stella Gurney.) A soft pink blossom, splendid bloomer.....   | 2.25   |
| Rose Star—A deeper shade of pink, but of same shape.....                | 2.25   |
| Red Star—(Mrs. Ward.) The deepest red of the tropical varieties.....    | 2.75   |

### SMILEY'S SHALLOW WATER PLANTS

Water plants will grow in two to twelve inches of water. They add greatly to the attraction of any pool, besides furnishing oxygen and food for the fish. Plant them in small pots of soil, except the floating plants.

Smiley's Shallow Water Plants are grown here at the Water Gardens under ideal natural conditions. You will be well pleased with their quality.

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| ARROW HEADS—Arrow shaped leaves with small white flowers. An excellent bog or shallow water plant that adds greatly to the appearance of your pool.....  | 25c                 |
| BULLRUSH—A native swamp plant similar to the cattail.....  | 25c each, 3 for 50c |
| CATTAILS—A favorite swamp plant easy to grow and ornamental.....   | 25c                 |
| CREeping PRIMROSE—A rapid growing, partially submerged vine with willow shaped leaves producing an abundance of bright yellow flowers. Will grow in any moist place along the pool or may be submerged ..... | 25c each, 3 for 50c |
| PARROT FEATHER—Feathery, green shoots trailing over the water form soft airy masses about the base of taller plants. One of the best for planting in fountain basins.....                                    | 25c each, 3 for 50c |

#### OXYGENATING PLANTS

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| ANARCHARIS—A rapid grower desirable for pools and aquariums .....  | 25c each, 3 for 50c |
| COON-TAIL—Plume-like stems with finely dissected leaves. Fine for the aquarium .....   | 15c                 |
| CURLED LEAF FERN—A fern-like plant growing submerged in the pool makes a beautiful background.....   | 25c each, 3 for 50c |
| LUDWIGA—A beautiful green and red tinted plant growing submerged .....   | 25c per bunch       |
| MYRIOPHYLLUM—Very good for goldfish spawning. The fish will also eat large portions. This evergreen-like plant is available throughout the year and is one of the most interesting of this group ..... | 25c each, 3 for 50c |
| WATER POPPY—The blossoms resemble the California Poppy. Each plant throws out many floating runners, bearing large blossoms all summer long. Plant as you would a water lily.....                      | 30c each            |
| PICKEREL RUSH—The blue flowers of this plant are borne freely throughout the entire season.....  | 25c each            |
| WATER CANNA—A hardy plant, with slim, graceful stalks, 4 to 5 feet high, and beautiful broad leaves. Forms an excellent background, with its spikes of purple flowers.....                             | 35c                 |

#### FLOATING PLANTS

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| DUCK WEED—Small three petalled floating plant, giving the effect of a green carpet on the water. Fish like this one. Does equally well in sun or shade.....  | 25c per portion |
| FLOATING FERN (Azolla)—Tiny, fern-like leaves forming emerald green or brown red clumps. A good plant for the fish.....  | 25c per portion |
| WATER HYACINTH—The delicate spikes or lavender flowers with the peacock spot on the upper petals are most beautiful and interesting. The plants will float on the water but will produce more flowers when not allowed to drift about. A good plant for shady locations and should be crowded to produce lots of bloom. This plant is ideal for fish to deposit their eggs on..... | 25c each        |

#### MOISTURE LOVING IRIS

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| YELLOW FLAG OR WATER IRIS—One of the most graceful and necessary plants for the pool. Begins to bloom earlier than most any other Iris. Blooms the entire season. Thrives in water up to twelve inches and also in moist border. Blossoms resemble the Siberian Iris in type. Produces an abundance of yellow blossoms..... | 25c each |
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# Beautify Your Yard With WATER PLANTS From Smiley's Water Gardens

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**SMILEY'S WATER GARDENS, Beaver Crossing, Nebr.**



## HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS *for Successful Water Gardens*

**FERTILIZERS**—Garden loam gives good results. Best fertilizers are cow manure well rotted and bone meal. Cow manure at the rate of one part to five parts garden loam. Commercial fertilizers, one pound to each cubic foot of soil.

**TIME OF PLANTING**—Hardy water lilies may be planted as soon as they begin to show growth in the spring, usually April first, and they may be planted up to the last of August.

**DURATION OF BLOOM**—Hardy water lilies begin blooming early in May in this section of the country and continue until frost. Each individual blossom lasts about four days.

**COLOR**—Hardy water lilies may be obtained in many colors and tints.

## HOW TO PLANT

Plant in boxes or by spreading the soil over the bottom of the pool to the required depth. Plants do better when they have plenty of root room. Each lily should have at least one cubic foot of soil.

**DISTANCE APART TO PLANT**—A pool six by six will accommodate four lilies and the necessary floating and bog plants very nicely.

**CONTAINERS FOR THE PLANTS**—We like large size candy pails for a single lily. If not available, boxes made from any rough boards one inch thick and twelve inches wide. Permanent boxes may be built of brick or concrete but movable boxes are preferred as they may be placed in the basement during the winter.

**SAND TO COVER THE BOXES**—One inch layer of sand or gravel over the boxes after planting will help to keep the water clear.

**INSECT ENEMIES**—Plant lice or aphids are the only common pests of water lilies. They are easily controlled by washing off with a strong spray from the hose and the fish eat them. "Black Leaf 40" mixed according to directions rids plants of this louse.

**IMPORTANT.** When you receive your shipment of roots, unpack at once and place them in water until ready to plant. Should you need to keep them for some time before planting, it is best to submerge fully one-half the root in mud and cover with water.

**WINTER CARE.** Hardy water lilies may be removed to the basement and kept moist and protected from mice throughout the winter. They need no other protection other than from direct freezing of the roots.

## HOW TO ORDER

**TERMS:** Cash with order or we will ship C. O. D. Hardy water lilies, plants and snails shipped by parcel post, prepaid, for order of \$2.00 or over. If order amounts to less than \$2.00, add 15c for postage and packing. Do not send stamps. Please make all checks and money orders payable to Smiley's Water Garden, Beaver Crossing, Nebr.

## Smiley's Plant Collection

- 1 Parrot Feather
- 1 Arrow Head
- 1 Creeping Primrose
- 1 Red Ludwiga
- 1 Curled Leaf Fern
- 1 Duck Weed
- 1 Pickerel Rush
- 4 Jap Snails

**\$1.65**

## SPECIAL The MARLIAC TRIO

For several consecutive years, this has been by far our most popular collection. The cost is extremely low, and these three famous lilies will give a constant variety of beautiful, fragrant blossoms. We cannot too highly recommend this group.

**\$4.50**  
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## SCAVENGERS for POOL and AQUARIUMS

All aquariums and pools need scavengers, fish to feed upon the insects, snails to devour algae and green scum and tadpoles to eat decayed matter. Scavengers should be kept in all well balanced pools.



**JAPANESE SNAILS**—These large hardy snails frequently become as large as an English Walnut. They devour algae and green scum and help to keep the water clear. These snails do not lay eggs as do other varieties but are live bearers, bringing forth the young fully developed. **3 for 25c.**

**BROWN RAMSHORN SNAILS**—Medium size snails with shell characteristics of that name. Very prolific egg layers and are very active scavengers. **15c per pair.**

**RED RAMSHORN SNAILS**—Somewhat larger than the Brown Ramshorn, sometimes known as the Coral Snail. Excellent scavengers. Lend much color to the aquarium and pool. **2 for 25c.**

**MOSQUITOES AND GOLDFISH**—It is recommended that goldfish be kept in all water lily pools. They are interesting and eat the mosquito larvae and aid in keeping the water clear. Twelve fish to a four by six pool is the best proportion.

### SCAVENGER SELECTION

It is difficult to get too many snails for a pool, as they may remove decayed vegetation and green algae. Use two snails per square foot of floor area.

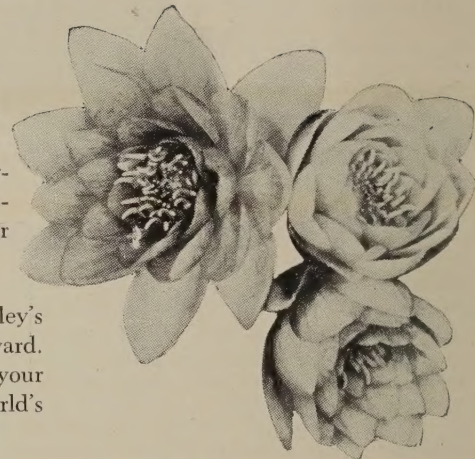
**4 Brown Ramshorn, 4 Red Ramshorn, 8 Japanese Trapdoors** .....

**\$1.35**

## SMILEY WATER GARDENS

The beautiful Smiley's Water Gardens, fed by Artesian wells, are located on the banks of the Blue River at Beaver Crossing, Nebraska.

We know you will enjoy raising Smiley's Water Plants right in your own yard. Make your selection now and order your water plants at once from the world's largest water gardens.



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